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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,5-8,10-12 and 14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,5-8,10-12 and 14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 18 December 2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-12 and 14 have been considered but are moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-12 and 14 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ikeda (JP 408298509 A).

Regarding claim 1, Ikeda discloses a facsimile machine (facsimile apparatus 201, see Fig. 2) connectable to PSTN (PSTN 120) and another network (LAN 135) and adapted to receive data from a data transmitter (data from devices connected to LAN 135, see Fig. 2) over the another network and transfer the data to a recipient, comprising:

a memory (RAM 103) for storing delivery conditions (communication management information, para. 0036), including whether or not a request for data transfer should be accepted, in accordance with at least part of an address of a data transmitter (communication links, para. 0036); and

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a control unit (CPU 101 controlling entire facsimile apparatus 201, para. 0010) for determining whether the request for data transfer should be accepted, based on the address (para. 0038 and para. 0048) of the data transmitter and the delivery conditions (communication management information, para. 0036), wherein the another network includes LAN and internet (see Fig. 2), the data is an e-mail (para. 0003), and the control unit accepts the request for data transfer if the e-mail is received over LAN and does not accept the request for data transfer if the e-mail is received over the internet (determined based on communication management information, para. 0036), wherein when the control unit does not accept the request for data transfer, the request for data transfer is printed (management report is printed when data cannot be managed, para. 0070).

Regarding claim 2, Ikeda discloses a facsimile machine (facsimile apparatus 201, see Fig. 2) connectable to PSTN (PSTN 120) and another network (LAN 135) and adapted to receive data from a data transmitter (data from devices connected to LAN 135, see Fig. 2) over the another network and transfer the data to a recipient comprising:

a memory (RAM 103) for storing delivery conditions (communication management information, para. 0036) including recipients registered in accordance with at least part of an address of a data transmitter; and

a control unit (CPU 101 controlling entire facsimile apparatus 201, para. 0010) for determining a recipient of data, based on the address (para. 0038) of the data transmitter (para. 0039 and para. 0048) and the delivery conditions (communication

management information, para. 0036), and transferring the data to the determined recipient, wherein the another network includes LAN and internet (see Fig. 2), the data is an e-mail (para. 0003), and the control unit accepts the request for data transfer if the e-mail is received over LAN and does not accept the request for data transfer if the e-mail is received over the internet (determined based on communication management information, para. 0036), wherein when the control unit does not accept the request for data transfer, the request for data transfer is printed (management report is printed when data cannot be managed, para. 0070).

Regarding claim 3, Ikeda discloses a facsimile machine of claim 2, wherein the delivery conditions include day and time of data transfer (see at least para. 0046).

Regarding claim 5, Ikeda discloses a facsimile machine of claim 2, wherein the recipient is specified by a facsimile number (para. 0038) or e-mail address.

Regarding claim 6, Ikeda discloses a facsimile machine of claim 2, wherein the controller can transfer the data to a plurality of recipients (see Fig. 7).

Regarding claim 7, Ikeda discloses a facsimile machine of claim 6, wherein the recipients are specified by facsimile numbers and e-mail addresses (para. 0003, Fig. 3, and Fig. 7).

Regarding claim 8, Ikeda discloses a facsimile machine of claim 2, wherein the recipients include a printer (printer 206, see Fig. 2) connected to the another network (LAN 135).

Regarding claim 10, Ikeda discloses a data transfer method comprising the steps of:

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A) receiving data over a network (receiving data from devices connected to LAN 135, see Fig. 2);

B) determining whether the data should be transferred to a designated recipient based on predetermined delivery conditions and an address of a data transmitter (determined based on communication management information, para. 0036), wherein the network includes LAN and internet (see Fig. 2), the data is an e-mail (para. 0003), and the step B determines that the data should be transferred if the e-mail is received over LAN and that the data should not be transferred if the e-mail is received over the internet (determined based on communication management information, para. 0036) and

C) printing the data when the step B determines that the data should not be transferred (management report is printed when data cannot be managed, para. 0070).

Regarding claim 11, Ikeda discloses a data transfer method of claim 10 further including the step of transferring the data to the designated recipient according to determination made in the step B (recipient determined based on communication management information, para. 0036).

Regarding claim 12, Ikeda discloses a data transfer method of claim 10, wherein the predetermined delivery conditions include day and time of data transfer (see at least para. 0046).

Regarding claim 14, Ikeda discloses a data transfer method of claim 10, wherein the recipient is a printer (printer 206, see Fig. 2) connected to the network (LAN 135).

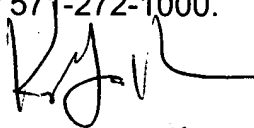
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas J. Lett whose telephone number is (571) 272-7464. The examiner can normally be reached on 7-3:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David K. Moore can be reached on (571) 272-7437. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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